



Florida's Harborside Hometown

## INFORMATION SHARING REPORT January 21, 2020

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

City Council, City Manager, Public Safety (Police and Fire) and Public Works employees participated in various MLK events to include the community breakfast and annual parade. Council Member Cummings emceed the breakfast, and Mayor Prafke, Council Members Cummings and County Commissioner Tiseo delivered the proclamation at the ceremony after the parade.



Sanitation Division's Sr. Crew Chief, Ricky Platt and Sanitation Supervisor, Hope Petkus participated in this year's parade. This year's parade theme was "We've come too far to stop the dream now."

### Welcome New Employee



Elizabeth Noll has joined the Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Program (CHNEP) as a Conservation Associate Intern. Please welcome Elizabeth if you see her around the City of Punta Gorda. Learn more about CHNEP at <https://www.chnep.org/about-the-chnep>.

## United Way

We received a special thank you to the City of Punta Gorda staff from United Way for their Helping Hands Holiday Food Drive! When you give locally, you give much more than money. You give health, knowledge, hope and fighting chance. Thanks for your support!

### “Tator” the Gator

Public Works encountered a friend in need on Wednesday. A five foot gator had gotten tangled in some wire in the pond at Laishley Park. Florida Fish & Wildlife were called to the scene. Public Works employee’s Bob Nikula helped reel in the gator and Don Snyder helped tie the gator. Don Ryan was a spectator during the ordeal. Staff named the gator “Tator” and he has been relocated to a more secure location.

